

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

- 1        1. (Currently Amended) A method for coupling a media adapter to an imaging device, comprising:
  - 3            positioning the media adapter adjacent a coupler on the imaging device;
  - 4            receiving a media object inside the media adapter;
  - 5            connecting a mating coupler on the media adapter to the coupler on the imaging device to mechanically couple the media adapter to the imaging device; and
  - 7            establishing a signal link between the mating coupler on the media adapter and the imaging device.
- 1        2. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising delivering electrical power to the media adapter over the signal link to the imaging device.
- 1        3. (Currently Amended) ~~The method of claim 1, further comprising~~ A method for coupling a media adapter to an imaging device, comprising:
  - 3            positioning the media adapter adjacent a coupler on the imaging device;
  - 4            connecting a mating coupler on the media adapter to the coupler on the imaging device to mechanically couple the media adapter to the imaging device;
  - 6            establishing a signal link between the mating coupler on the media adapter and the imaging device;
  - 8            delivering electrical power to the media adapter over the signal link to the imaging device; and
  - 10          delivering control signals between the media adapter and the imaging device over the signal link.

1       4. (Currently Amended) The ~~connector~~ method of claim 1, wherein the media  
2 adapter is automatically aligned on a surface of the imaging device when the mating coupler on  
3 the media adapter is connected to the coupler on the imaging device.

1       5. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein positioning the media adapter is  
2 adjacent a vertically-oriented imaging device.

1       6. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 1, further comprising indicating to a user  
2 when the mating coupler on the media adapter contacts the signal link to the imaging device.

1       7. (Currently Amended) A system comprising:  
2           an imaging device;  
3           a coupler on the imaging device;  
4           a signal link established between the imaging device and said coupler on the imaging  
5 device;  
6           a media adapter; and  
7           a mating coupler on the media adapter, said mating coupler contacting said signal link  
8 when said mating coupler on the media adapter is connected to said coupler on the imaging  
9 device, the signal link to communicate electrical power and control signals to the media adapter.

1       8. (Original) The system of claim 7, wherein said mating coupler on the media  
2 adapter and said coupler on the imaging device mechanically and electrically couple the media  
3 adapter to the imaging device.

1       9. (Original) The system of claim 7, wherein the media adapter is automatically  
2 aligned with a surface of the imaging device when said mating coupler on the media adapter and  
3 said coupler on the imaging device are connected.

1       10. (Original) The system of claim 7, wherein said signal link is to an electrical  
2 power source in the imaging device.

1           11. (Original) The system of claim 10, wherein electrical power is delivered to the  
2 media adapter via said signal link from the electrical power source in the imaging device.

1           12. (Original) The system of claim 7, wherein said signal link is to a controller in the  
2 imaging device.

1           13. (Original) The system of claim 12, wherein control signals are delivered between  
2 the media adapter and the controller in the imaging device over said signal link.

1           14. (Original) The system of claim 7, wherein said signal link is selected from the  
2 following: electrical link, optical signal link, opto-electrical signal link, audible signal link.

1           15. (Original) The system of claim 7, wherein the media adapter is cordless.

1           16. (Original) The system of claim 7, wherein the media adapter is substantially L-  
2 shaped for positioning on the imaging device.

1           17. (Original) The system of claim 7, wherein the imaging device is substantially  
2 vertically oriented.

1           18. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 7, further comprising an indicator on said  
2 media adapter, said indicator indicating to said user that the media adapter is connected to the  
3 imaging device.

1        19. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for coupling a media adapter to an imaging  
2 device, comprising:

3                positioning means for automatically aligning the media adapter adjacent a scanning  
4 surface of the imaging device; and

5                coupling means for mechanically coupling the media adapter to the imaging device after  
6 the media adapter is automatically aligned adjacent the scanning surface of the imaging device;  
7 and

8                linking means for electrically linking the media adapter to the imaging device, said  
9 linking means integral with said coupling means, the linking means for communicating control  
10 signals to the media adapter and for providing electrical power to the media adapter.

1        20. – 21. (Cancelled)

1        22. (Withdrawn) The apparatus of claim 19, further comprising means for indicating  
2 to a user when the media adapter is electrically linked to the imaging device.

1        23. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein receiving the media object inside the  
2 media adapter comprises receiving the media object in a slot of the media adapter.

1        24. (New) The method of claim 23, wherein receiving the media object in the slot of  
2 the media adapter comprises receiving at least one of a transparent and semi-transparent media  
3 object in the slot.

1        25. (New) The method of claim 1, further comprising:  
2                activating a light source in the media adapter; and  
3                backlighting the media object in the media adapter with light from the light source.

1        26. (New) The method of claim 25, wherein backlighting the media object comprises  
2 backlighting the media object through a diffuser in the media adapter.

1        27. (New) The method of claim 3, wherein delivering control signals over the signal  
2 link comprises delivering control signals to turn on or off a light source in the media adapter.

1        28. (New) The method of claim 27, wherein delivering control signals over the signal  
2 link comprises delivering further control signals to adjust light emitted from a light source in the  
3 media adapter.

1        29. (New) The method of claim 3, wherein delivering electrical power comprises  
2 delivering electrical power from a power source in the imaging device to the media adapter, and  
3 wherein delivering control signals comprises delivering control signals from a controller in the  
4 imaging device to the media adapter.

1        30. (New) The system of claim 7, wherein the imaging device comprises a controller  
2 and a power source, the signal link to communicate electrical power from the power source of  
3 the imaging device to the media adapter, and the signal link to communicate the control signals  
4 from the controller to the media adapter.

1        31. (New) The system of claim 7, wherein the media adapter has a slot to receive a  
2 media object to be imaged.

1        32. (New) The system of claim 31, wherein the media adapter has a light source to  
2 backlight the media object in the slot of the media adapter.

1        33. (New) The apparatus of claim 19, wherein the linking means is for providing  
2 electrical power from a power source in the imaging device to the media adapter, and the linking  
3 means is for communicating control signals from a controller in the imaging device to the media  
4 adapter.

1        34. (New) An apparatus for use with an imaging device having a power source and a

2        coupler, comprising:

3            a media adapter having a mating coupler to mechanically and electrically connect to the

4        coupler of the imaging device, the media adapter further having a slot to receive a media object;

5        and

6            a link established between the mating coupler of the media adapter and the coupler of the

7        imaging device, the link to provide electrical power from the imaging device to the media

8        adapter.

1        35. (New) The apparatus of claim 34, wherein the media adapter further comprises a

2        light source to backlight the media object in the media adapter.

1        36. (New) The apparatus of claim 35, wherein the link is adapted to communicate

2        control signals from a controller in the imaging device to turn on or off the light source.

1        37. (New) The apparatus of claim 36, wherein the link is adapted to communicate

2        further control signals from the controller in the imaging device to adjust light emitted from the

3        light source.